

REPORTS OF SOME COUNTY ALLIANCE MEETINGS.

I.—Cumberland.

Editor of The Progressive Farmer:

Cumberland County Farmers' Alliance met in regular meeting July 8th, with Wade Sub at McMillan's Chapel. Bro. T. B. Parker, S. B. A., was with us and delivered an address touching on organization, which was the most up-to-date Farmers' Alliance speech it has been our good fortune to hear. Brother Parker did not shirk nor shun any important questions pertaining to our Order, but simply and forcibly illustrated them, and kept his hearers spell-bound through his entire discourse, making a deep and lasting impression on their minds. We thank him for what he has done for us, trusting much good may be derived from the valuable talk he made at our county meeting. There were some ladies and children out to hear Brother Parker, and we trust that the farmers' wives and daughters will take more interest in our Order in the future.

Bro. Nathan Williams was elected State delegate and Bro. C. C. McLellan was elected alternate.

Our next regular meeting will be held with Godwin sub at Godwin on Wednesday before the second Thursday in October.

D. D. BAIN, Sec.

II.—Alamance.

Editor of The Progressive Farmer:

The Alamance County Farmers' Alliance met in the town of Graham on the 9th of July, according to previous announcement. On account of the fire that completely destroyed the Vestal building, the same morning, every available space in and around the court-house was covered with dry goods of one sort or another, and the Alliance was forced to look for new quarters. Mr. W. J. Nicks, who, by the way, is one of the most prosperous, energetic and clever merchants in the county, kindly tendered us his large hall, well situated and ventilated, etc., which was accepted with the thanks of the entire body.

After the usual routine of business, the Alliance proceeded to elect the following officers for the coming year: President, A. G. Garrison; Vice-President, R. O. Hargis; Secretary, H. M. Cates; Treasurer, J. H. Walker; Chaplain, J. H. Walker; Lecturer, H. M. Cates; Business Agent, J. W. Bason; Doorkeeper, N. C. Garrison; Assisant, J. C. Johnston; Executive Committee, W. H. Bason, George W. Vestal, J. W. Bason; delegate to State Alliance, N. C. Garrison; alternate, W. B. Sharpe.

The afternoon session was most profitably spent in an old-time experience meeting and nearly every one seemed to grow strong and full of zeal as he told of the prospects of the Alliance in his section and how he loved the cause. I am glad to say that the outlook for the Alliance is better in Alamance County than it has been in a number of years. And indeed these old brethren

that have kept the fires burning upon the altar all these long years see victory in sight, and our hearts are glad. I predict now that in the next year Alamance County will be in the fore-front in the Alliance work.

The Progressive Farmer came in for a share. All declared that it was the best all-round family paper in the South, and deserved, and should have, our hearty support.

While we do not claim that this was a great body of men, we do say it was a body of great men—men who dare to say and to do what they believe to be right. Now let us all bend our energy to make the State Alliance a success.

Very sincerely,

H. M. CATES.

III.—Sampson and Cumberland.

Editor of The Progressive Farmer:

The Cumberland County Alliance met with Wade Sub July 8th. We were so fortunate as to have our State Secretary and Business Agent, Bro. T. B. Parker, to address us. His speech of about one and a half hours was clear and practical, and was gladly received by all present. The meeting was well attended by the brethren and friends, especially good, taking into consideration the busy season of our people. The good sisters were present as usual, and spread for us a sumptuous dinner, and we "all did eat and were filled," and there was enough left to feed about as many more. The brethren expressed a determination during the business session that our county should be more thoroughly organized during the ensuing year. Bro. Nathan Williams was elected delegate to the State Alliance, with Bro. C. C. McLellan his alternate. Both of them will be there unless sickness prevents.

On the following day, July 9th, it was our good pleasure to attend the Sampson County meeting, which was with South River Sub. The attendance was not so large as the Cumberland, but surely it was not lacking in interest and enthusiasm. A number of questions pertaining to the good of the Order and the farmers generally were ably discussed, and a resolution was made to more thoroughly organize the county during the next few months. Bro. A. F. Howard was elected delegate to the State Alliance, with Brother Lockeyman his alternate. After their elec-

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